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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Thornton,

COMPRISING THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN

AND

School Committee,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1890.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON CHARGE THEMSELVES
AS FOLLOWS :

Dr.

Received of W. C. Tewksbury, redemption money,	\$ 19 68
from the Cram property,	33 10
of State Treasurer for bounties,	20 00
“ “ “ Literary fund,	142 87
“ “ “ Savings Bank tax,	113 03
“ W. C. Tewksbury redemption money,	299 75
	<hr/> \$628 43

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By cash paid town treasurer,	\$628 43
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TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS' BILLS.

Frank A. Barnard	services as selectmen,	\$ 65 00
Benj. F. Hanaford,	“ “ “	34 50
Ezra C. Broad,	“ “ “	29 15
Frank L. Houston,	“ “ school board,	15 00
John W. Pattee,	“ “ “ “	15 00
John Johnson,	“ “ overseer of poor,	27 00
Geo. W. Fifield,	“ “ treasurer,	35 00
Fred W. Downing,	“ “ town and district clerk,	21 00
John Bagley,	“ “ supervisor,	6 00
A. F. Houston,	“ “ liquor agent,	35 00
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ROAD AND OTHER BILLS.

Paid W. L. Gilman, sheep killed by dogs,	\$ 2 38
William Downing, “ “ “	2 50
F. M. Marden, for use of water trough for 1888,	3 00
W. A. Moulton, for lumber,	17 65
Geo. C. Furber, for printing reports,	17 00
J. N. McCary, for lumber,	32 07
W. Downing, for work on road,	3 00
J. Parker, “ “ “	9 48
B. F. Merrill, “ “ “	5 09
Geo. W. Gilman, for support of Sarah Cram,	48 00
E. A. Hubbard, for counsel,	2 00
Silsby & Son, for blank books,	2 53
L. J. Marden, for lumber, for 1888,	23 08
Geo. W. Elkins, for work on road,	4 07
Benj. Steel, for work on road,	1 75

John Steel, for use of water trough,	3 00
W. C. Tewksbury, for work on road,	6 18
H. H. Constantine, for use of water trough,	3 00
Geo. W. Gilman, for support of Sarah Cram,	12 00
A. F. Houston, for work on road,	16 25
A. A. Straw, " " "	10 75
W. H. Whitney, " " "	9 24
A. G. Dimick, " " "	1 75
B. F. Merrill, to pay for work on road in Dist. No. 14,	22 21
A. Knowles, bounty on one bear,	10 00
Geo. W. Gilman, for support of Sarah Cram,	14 50
W. Downing, for work on road,	5 00
W. C. Tewksbury, in full for collecting,	75 00
A. Knowles, bounty on one bear,	10 00
A. G. Dimick, for lumber,	4 00
F. W. Avery, " "	21 87
Chas. Cutter, for perambulating line between Thorn- ton and Campton,	2 50
F. A. Barnard, for lumber,	4 50
O. B. French, damage to J. Rogers tin cart,	3 30
Burleigh & Adams, for counsel,	4 00
F. W. Downing, for perambulating line between Thorn- ton and Woodstock,	4 00
B. F. Hanaford, for perambulating line between Wood- stock, Campton, Ellsworth and Sandwich,	12 00
R. A. Horner, County Treas. Co. tax,	364 80
Solon A. Carter, State " State tax,	410 00
F. A. Barnard, to pay for building steel bridge and abutments,	64 25
Chas. Titus, for work on road,	2 50
Geo. W. Fifield, money paid for liquors,	337 08
" " " " " " "	74 55
D. Foss, for lumber,	26 62
F. D. Lyford, for use of water trough,	3 00
John Colby, " " " "	3 00
Mrs. W. F. Simonds, for use of water trough for 1888-89,	6 00
J. W. Pattee, for use of water trough,	3 00
A. B. Demerritt, for perambulating lines,	15 00
C. B. Caldon, for work on road,	7 74
Mrs. Jacob Percival, for use of water trough,	3 00
Willis Caldon, sheep killed by dogs,	2 50
F. L. Houston, books for school children,	4 60
F. L. Houston, money for the repair of school houses,	50 00

Hiram Merrill, for work on road,	13 99
B. F. " " " "	5 10
H. M. Fifield, damage on sleigh,	3 00
A. N. Canfield, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
A. D. Muchmore, for record of births and deaths since 1885,	13 50
E. Emmons, for spikes,	1 56
C. H. Weeks, for plank,	6 53
D. Dearborn, for work on road,	9 83
E. A. Hubbard, for counsel,	5 00
H. H. Fifield, sheep killed by dogs,	2 50
F. M. Marden, use of water trough,	3 00
L. J. Marden, lumber, covering bridge and work on road,	58 76
A. H. Sawyer, to pay for work on road in district No. 14,	42 31
B. F. Hanaford, for board of Selectmen in 1889,	1 50
F. A. Barnard, money paid and one day on line,	9 48
I. Fox, for lumber,	9 31
Geo. W. Fifield, for liquors,	57 61
" " " time spent paying in't. on notes,	5 00
A. Barnard for board of selectmen and others,	19 10
John Johnson, to pay pauper bills,	35 00
A. C. Moulton, for damage to team in 1885,	<u>2 00</u>
	\$2,138 37

DUE ON NOTES AND BONDS.

David P. Foss,	2000 00
Martha M. Clark,	500 00
Jane Paige,	500 00
Tina M. Weeks,	100 00
Mary J. Weeks,	100 00
H. E. Hanaford,	1000 00
Albert Barnard,	200 00
Geo. Jenkins,	100 00
Rufus Sanborn,	273 00
Geo. Jenkins,	50 00
E. Packard,	100 00
Herod Fifield,	350 00
Henry F. Durgin,	200 00
Henry D. Lyford,	28 00
Geo. W. Fifield,	200 00
Due on Bonds,	<u>11,225 00</u>
	\$16,926 00

SCHOOL MONEY PAID.

Paid F. L. Houston, treasurer of school board,	\$610 13
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ASSETS.

In treasurer's hands March 1, 1890,	\$714 01
Due from collector, 1882, town tax, \$43 15, School house tax, \$83 54,	126 69
Due from collector, 1885,	30 00
“ “ “ 1886-7-8,	144 00
“ “ “ 1889,	3,360 64
Sarah Cram farm,	250 00
Due from the town of Waterville on bridge bills,	92 15
Cash, Liquor, Kegs, and cans in liquor agents hands,	98 66
“ in overseer of poor hands,	10 43
	<hr/> \$4526 58

PAID ON NOTES AND FOR BONDS.

Pemigewasset Nat'l. Bank,	\$1025 00
Moses Paige,	180 00
Jane Paige,	94 10
Geo. W. Fifield, for bonds,	400 00
“ “ on notes,	280 12
R. E. Sanborn, note and interest,	43 91
Geo. W. Fifield, for bonds,	50 00
“ “ to pay on D. P. Foss note No. 1,	1000 00
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STATEMENT OF TAYLOR AND SCHOOL FUND.

Taylor fund in town of Thornton,	\$1,045 67
School “ “ “	1,312 50
Total indebtedness on bonds and notes,	16,926 00
Assets,	4,526 58
	<hr/> \$12,399 42
Town debt reported March 1, 1889,	\$14,307 53
Town debt “ “ 1890,	12,399 42
	<hr/> \$1,908 11
Reduction of debt,	

FRANK A. BARNARD,	} Selectmen of Thornton.
BENJAMIN F. HANAFORD,	
EZRA C. BROAD,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash in the treasury March 1, 1889,	\$ 511 48
Received of selectmen,	628 43
“ collector, 1885,	17 24
“ “ 1886-87-88,	3,602 17
“ liquor agent, 1889,	475 00
“ collector, 1889,	2,108 15
“ “ 1882,	58 32
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	\$7,400 79

CREDIT.

Paid Coupons,	\$ 582 50
Paid orders,	6,104 28
In treasury March 1, 1890,	714 01
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	\$7,400 79

GEORGE W. FIFIELD, Treasurer.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Cash paid town treasurer,	475 00
Cash in hand of agent,	40 45
Value of Liquor on hand,	46 61
Kegs, Cans and Dem.,	11 60
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	\$573 66
Cash received from town treasury,	469 24
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	\$104 42

Cash in favor of Town, ALVIN F. HOUSTON, Agent.

Births registered in the Town of Thornton for

Date of Birth.	Sex and Condition.				Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
	Sex.	Living or Still born.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color		
Jan. 21	Female	Living	1st	w	Fred W. Connor	Josie Merrill
Feb. 2	Female	“	9th	w	George W. Elkins	Mary E. Glidden
March 29	Female	“	1st	w	Lewis Snell	Levina Snell
April 9	Female	“	4th	w	F. LaCass	Estha Gravel
17	Male	“	2d	w	George Boyce	Bertie Russell
27	Female	“	2d	w	Alvin F. Houston	Levina M. Grant
27	Female	“	2d	w	Charles C. Shores	Emma C. Pattee
August 6	Male	“	1st	w	Clarence O. Pettingill	Nellie Baldwin
Sept. 6	Female	“	5th	w	Joseph H. Smith	Mandana B. Dearborn
August 24	Male	“	5th	w	Charles Elliott	Mary Plankett
Sept. 28	Male	“	1st	w	Leander Fenton	Rosa B. Elkins
17	Male	“	2d	w	Elmer J. Wood	Emma Tourtellott
Oct. 28	Male	“	1st	w	Albert Benton	Almer E. Morse
Nov. 14	Female	“	5th	w	George W. Gilman	Hattie Bickford
28	Female	“	1st	w	Joseph Venot	Lizzie M. Fadden
Dec. 18	Male	Stillborn	1st	w	Fred Vale	Rosa Rancour
20	Male	Living	1st	w	V. G. Durgin	Ella M. Foss

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

Money received of the County for the support of	
County paupers,	\$ 259 24
Received of Philip Hart, for rent for Mrs. Foss' place,	10 00
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	\$269 24

MONEY PAID OUT FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for Fisher family,	\$108 77
John A. Sargent,	47 69
Eugene Hart,	52 00
Mrs. Chapman,	3 63
Mary Corlis,	11 25
Mrs. Cram,	23 90
Mrs. King,	12 00
Paid to County for rent for Mrs. Foss' place,	10 00
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	\$269 24

Money received of the Town for the support of Town	
paupers,	\$61 50

MONEY PAID OUT FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

For Mrs. Cram,	\$23 57	
Jonathan Dustin,	27 50	<hr/> \$51 07

Money in my hands,	\$10 43
JOHN JOHNSON, Overseer of the Poor.	

the year ending December 31st, 1889.

Color.	Residence.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age Father.	Age Mother.
W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Thornton	22	20
W	"	Farmer	"	Pembroke	49	39
W	"	Shoeman	Canada	Canada	22	15
W	"	Laborer	"	"	23	27
W	"	Farmer	Lincoln	Lincoln	32	25
W	"	"	Thornton	West Windsor	40	39
W	"	"	Ellsworth	Thornton	36	32
W	"	"	North Troy, Vt.	Middlebury, Vt.	33	24
W	"	"	Woodstock	Woodstock	38	29
W	"	"	Bloomfield, Mass.	St. Sylvester, Can'a.	39	36
W	"	"	Campton, N. S.	Thornton	28	20
W	"	"	Thornton	Maxfield, Me.	23	20
W	"	"	"	Campton	26	22
W	"	"	"	Carroll	38	28
W	"	"	Kingston, N. S.	Thornton	24	16
W	"	"	St. Sa-ept	Waterville, Me.	25	19
W	"	"	Thornton	Thornton	28	22

SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens of Thornton:

The law requires the School Board to report annually the condition of schools in town. We most respectfully submit the following report :

The greatest trouble we have had this year was in securing good teachers, a lack of money, and a lack of general interest on the part of parents. We have done the best we could to secure the services of good teachers, and if we have failed we hope it is not wholly our fault. Want of co-operation with teachers in nine cases out of ten where there are difficulties might be overcome if parents would listen less to what their children say and quietly consult the teacher.

Laboring under the great disadvantage of not having money enough, we were obliged to have short schools. However, we managed to have an average of nine and a half weeks in each district.

The want of general interest in school matters is *the* trouble in this town, and we sincerely hope the failure to attend to this matter in the past will not be repeated the coming year; for it is the most vital interest of the town to raise sufficient money for school purposes.

No. 1.

One term of fourteen weeks taught by D. O. Hanson. Whole number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 21. Roll of honor, Lilian A. Morrison. At closing examination I was very sorry to see so small an attendance, but what scholars were present showed marked improvement. I think the term would have been a more profitable one had some of the parents taken more interest in trying to encourage their children to attend school regular. Doubtless this school was as successful as could be expected considering bad weather at the close of the term.

No. 2.

One term of eight weeks taught by Miss Ione L. Foss. Whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 23. Roll of honor, Kate Caldon, Florence Dearborn, Grace Drew, Eliza M. Elliott,

Marriages registered in the Town of Thornton for the year ending December 31st, 1889.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years, Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition: Single or Widowed. What Marriage 1st, 2d, &c.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 12	Campton	Oscar M. Jones	Thornton	39 W	Farmer	Woodstock				1st	Nathan Jones C Campton
		Annie M. Thayer	"	19 W	Housework	Bethlehem	C. P. Thayer Eliza F. Thayer		Farmer Housework	"	
March 12	Thornton	Joe Venot	"	24 W	Farmer	Nova Scotia	Joe Venot Annie Venot	Nova Scotia	Farmer Housework	"	Alfred Chipman
		Lizzie Fadden	"	16 W	Housework	Thornton	S. D. Fadden Mary Fadden	"	Farmer Housework	"	Campton Village
April 6	"	Martin S. Merrill	"	28 W	Farmer	Thornton	Stephen Merrill Hannah Tucker	Thornton	Farmer Housework	"	David Cornell C Thornton
		Marjorie L. Dearbon	"	18 W	Housework	Thornton	Daniel Dearbon Mary Hussey	Campton	Farmer Housework	"	
May 4	"	Fred W. Downing	"	28 W	Farmer	Ellsworth	Moses N. Downing Betsy Willey	Ellsworth	Shoemaker Housework	"	Gilman H. Clark C West Thornton
		Maud E. Tourtellot	"	17 W	Housework	Maxfield, Me.	Orrie A. Tourtellot Almedia Emery	Howland, Me. Maxfield, Me.	Housework	"	
		Moses Paige	"	78 W	Farmer	Thornton	Samuel Paige Jerusha Barnard			2d	Gilman H. Clark C West Thornton
		Jane Willey	"	53 W	Housework	Ellsworth				"	
August 17	"	Sidney G. Brown	"	22 W	Farmer	Woodstock	George H. Brown Roan Pollard	Boscawen Lincoln	Farmer Housework	1st	Gilman H. Clark C West Thornton
		Mary M. Peaseley	"	36 W	Housework	Thornton	Daniel Peaseley Melvina Peaseley			"	
	19 Campton	A. A. Harrigan	"	42 W	Miner	Gloucester, Mass.				2d	Nathan Jones C Campton
		Lela V. Holmes	"	16 W	Housework	Walcott, Vt.	Horace B. Holmes Melvina A. Holmes	Milton, Vt. Walcott, Vt.	Farmer Housework	1st	

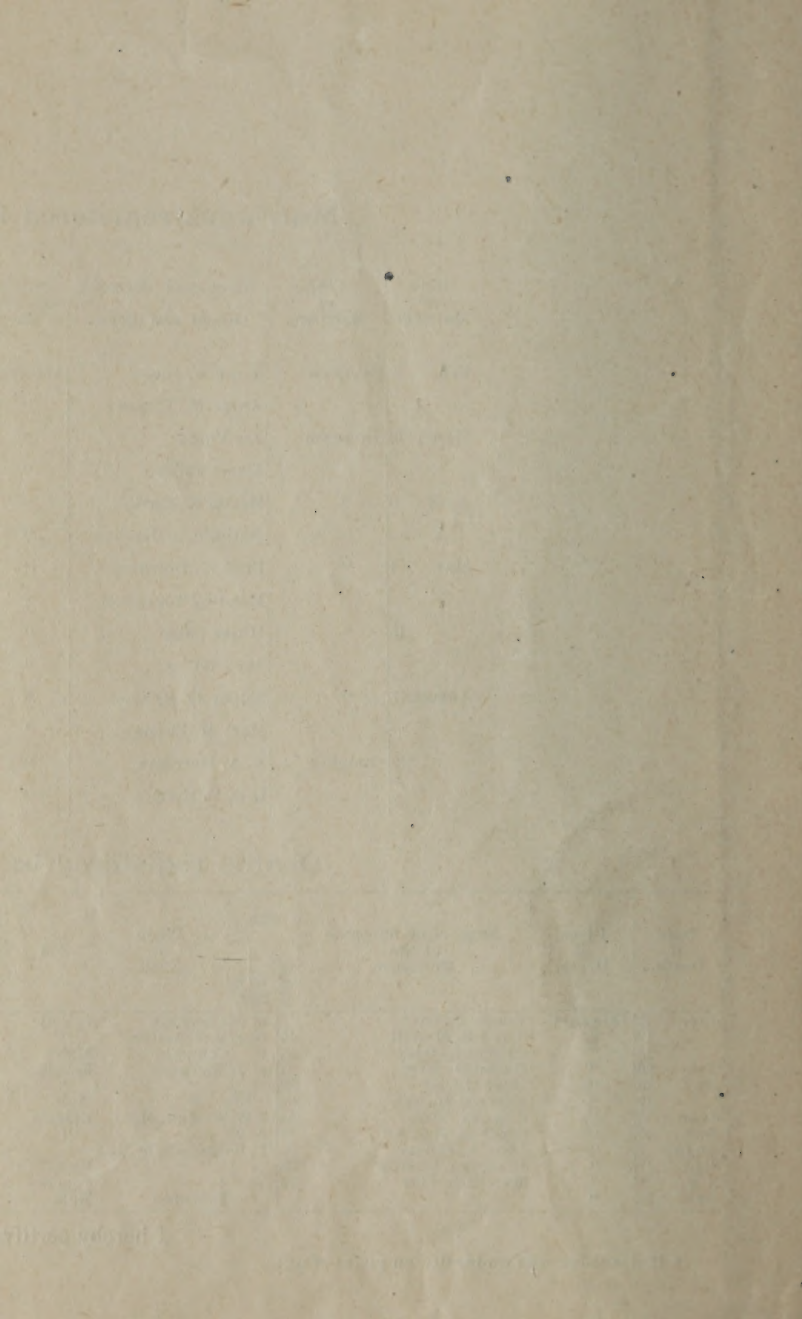
Deaths registered in the Town of Thornton for the year ending December 31st, 1889.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other person) reporting death.
			Years.	Mo.	Days.					Father.	Mother.					
Jan. 12	Thornton	Jennie F. Sweet	6	6		Thornton	Female	S	Housework	Thornton	Rumney	Rufus Sweet	Hattie Craig	Pneumonia	Manufacturer	A. D. Muchmore Cap'n Vt
12	"	Sarah E. Merrill	40	8		Manchester	"	M	"	"	"	Royal Hope	"	Consumption	"	"
18	"	Gilman Lovejoy	82	6		Campton	Male	W	Farmer	Campton	Campton	B. Lovejoy	Sally Chandler	Pneumonia, empty liver	Farmer	W. R. Garland, " "
Feb. 20	"	Hattie D. Titus	21	8	7	Thornton	Female	S	Housework	Colebrook	"	John Titus	May Alls	Consumption	"	A. D. Muchmore " "
May 15	"	Mary Harley	32	3		"	"	M	"	Thornton	Thornton	Jessie Hart	"	Suberentis Meningitis	"	W. R. Garland, " "
19	"	Edmund Merrill	80	13		"	Male	M	Farmer	"	"	Daniel Merrill	Hannah Stevens	Organic disease of heart	"	"
June 13	"	Angeline Foss	58	7	17	Weston, Mass.	Female	M	Housework	Weston, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	Horatio Allen	Julia Russ II	"	"	R. Burns, Plymouth
July 14	"	Sarah L. Mitchell	45	6	2	"	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	Bright's Disease	"	W. R. Garland, Cap'n Vt
August 3	"	Lucy A. Elliott	63	7	6	Broomfield, Me.	"	W	"	Westbrook, Me.	Fryeburg, Me.	Amos Broad	Abigail Carter	Subacute Cerebretus	"	"
Sept. 12	"	Jonathan Dustin	68			"	Male	M	Farmer	"	"	"	"	Dropsy	"	A. D. Muchmore, " "
Nov. 1	"	Martha Corliss	75			"	Female	W	Housework	"	"	"	"	Heart Disease	"	"
Dec. 18	"					Thornton	Male	S	"	St. Joseph, P.Q.	Waterville, Me.	Fred Vale	Rosa Rancour	Stillborn	"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED W. DOWNING, Town Clerk.

* If deceased was under fifteen years of age.



Nettie M. Tyrrell, Harry Fifield, Perley E. Hall, Fred C. Hodgdon. The roll of perfect attendance in this school is a great credit to scholars and teacher.

No. 4.

One term of ten weeks taught by Miss Theodore Hazeltine. The scholars made good improvement and general satisfaction was given.

No. 5.

One spring term of ten weeks taught by D. O. Hanson. Whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 18. Roll of honor, Lanson O. Brown, Albert D. Merrill. The relation between teacher and scholars appeared to be very pleasant and the improvement was all that could be reasonably expected.

No. 6.

One term of ten weeks taught by Affie A. Russell. Whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 16. Roll of honor, Lisie C. Gillespie, Maud L. Gillespie, Jennie A. Gillespie, Edith E. Downing, Dora C. Downing, Albert L. Smith, Ethel M. Smith. Miss Russell is a teacher of experience and the scholars made good improvement.

No. 7.

One term of eight weeks taught by Miss Julia Rice. Whole number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 10. Roll of honor, none. This was Miss Rice's first school. Instruction, fair ; improvement in some of the classes creditable.

No. 8.

One term of 12 weeks taught by Miss Hattie E. Morse. Whole number of scholars, 12 ; average attendance, 11. Roll of honor, Florence W. Dearborn, Mary A. Drake, Viola A. Elliott, Roscoe G. Houston, Grace M. Lyford. Miss Morse is an experienced teacher, good order was maintained and the improvement commendable.

No. 9.

One term of ten weeks taught by Amy Hackett. Whole number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 8. Roll of honor, Willie Armstrong, Alice M. Fadden, Etta B. Fadden, Mary C.

Fadden, Georgie Fadden, Gertrude Willey, Mabel R. Willey, Ada G. Elkins, Ada F. Woodbury. This is rather a difficult school to maintain good order in, but I think Miss Hackett tried hard, and the improvement was all that could reasonably be expected.

No. 11.

One term of ten weeks taught by Miss Lizzie G. Pulsifer. Whole number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 19. Roll of honor, Lilian A. Morrison, Clara B. Plummer, Ada F. Plummer, Rosa M. Willey, Harry E. Demick, Horace Plummer. Arithmetic and grammar recitations very fine; some shuffling about; teacher well qualified; register very neatly filled.

No. 12

One term of thirteen weeks taught by Miss Hattie A. Merrill, a teacher of good ability. She was interested in her school and her scholars seemed determined to do their best; good order was maintained and general satisfaction given. Whole number of scholars, 27; average attendance, 21. Roll of honor, Ellis J. Bradley, Frank E. Merrill, Weldman Brown, Nelson W. Brown, Leon N. Brown, Lillie M. Brown, Jennie M. Brown, Rossie A. Brown, Jennie M. Merrill.

FRANK L. HOUSTON,	} School Board of Thornton
WILLIAM C. TEWKSBURY,	
JOHN W. PATTEE,	

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid D. O. Hanson, for teaching and car fare.	\$ 68 49
Ione L. Foss, for teaching and board,	40 00
Charles F. Plummer, for work on school house,	1 50
John W. Pattee, for work on school house,	4 40
J. N. McCoy, for wood for 1888 and 1889,	11 50
O. L. Durgin, balance on board bill for 1888,	4 00
Perkins Moulton, for work on school house,	50
Theodore E. Hazeltine, for teaching,	24 00
Lizzie Pulsifer, for teaching,	35 00
D. O. Hanson, for teaching and car fare,	40 50
Affie Russell, for teaching and board,	55 00
Julia Rice, for teaching and board,	40 00
John Johnson, for board of teacher,	16 00
Frank W. Steele, for wood,	4 00
W. C. Tewksbury, for money paid out for the repair of school houses,	14 39
John R. Foss, for nails,	40
E. C. Broad, for work and wood,	4 00
A. F. Houston, for work on school house,	2 00
Mrs. A. F. Houston, for board of teacher,	24 00
Hattie E. Morse, for teaching,	48 00
Amy Hackett, for teaching,	35 00
Hattie Merrill, for teaching,	45 50
B. F. Merrill, for board of teacher,	26 00
J. W. Pattee, for lumber bought of Warren Chase,	1 80
J. W. Pattee, for board of teacher,	20 00
L. B. Elliott, for shingles and lumber,	4 15
Mrs. M. M. Sanborn, for board of teacher,	20 00
Frank L. Houston, for wood, and work on school house, and material for the repair of school house,	8 55
Jonathan Gordon, for board of teacher,	28 00
Frank Bartlett, for board of teacher,	20 00
Total paid out,	<hr/> \$646 68

Amount received from selectmen,	\$660 13
Amount received from the School Board of Waterville,	12 00
Amount left over from last year,	19 38
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Total received,	\$691 51
Total paid out,	646 68
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Balance on hand,	\$44 83

FRANK L. HOUSTON, Treasurer of School Board.

Thornton, N. H., Feb. 27, 1890.

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor, Liquor Agent, and School Board of Thornton for the year ending March 1, 1890, we find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

FRANK D. LYFORD, }
FRANK FOX, } Auditors.